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To Whom It May Concern:

As a professional truck driver, I am extremely concerned about the new hours of service proposal. While I agree with your efforts to reduce highway accidents and truck-related fatalities, I believe this proposal will have the opposite effect.

I think we will see more traffic congestion, and this will cause more accidents. I will not be able to effectively use the sleeper-berth time to coordinate the demands of the freight delivery schedule and my own body-clock. The hours that shippers and receivers are open to accept or load freight are very limited. This proposal will cause a lot of freight to sit. I will be forced to stop for an extended 32 to 56 hours of rest in places that offer little or no food, showers, truck repairs or parking. . . I want my off-time to be at home! In the morning rush hour we will face unbelievable traffic congestion as all the parked trucks begin to get on the highway. Worse, it will cut my wages by about 20-25 percent!

Please re-consider this proposal, or eliminate it entirely. It does not meet the needs of the American trucker and will slow down our "just-in-time" economy.

Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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